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Times dull and items scarce in this part of the county.

Mr. Charlie Graham and sister, Miss Sadie, accompanied by Miss Abbie Harrison, of Butler, spent holidays in this vicinity visiting their many friends and relatives.

Miss Elva Brown returned home the 20th from Emporia, Kansas, where she has been attending school the past year. Miss Elva is gladly welcomed by her many friends.

The entertainment and supper given at Sharon Chapple last week, was a grand success. There were over three hundred persons in attendance. Music furnished by the Brosley cornet band.

Miss Josie Stewart, who has been visiting Mrs. Dr. Walls, in the Electric City for the past three weeks has returned home and reports a grand time. Mell is happy.

Miss Renie Lewis was visiting Miss May Crawford, at Rocky Point Farm last week.

Miss Mattie Nave has returned home from Kansas City and Harrisonville where she has spent the past month visiting relatives and friends.

The farmers in this part of Bates are strongly in favor of primary elections taking the place of conventions.

Miss Jessie Fussell, of this place, is visiting her aunt Mrs. Kirkpatrick, in the Electric City. To say Jake is lonely does not express it.

Willie L. returned from William Jewell College to spend holidays. Watch Nell smile.

Oh my! I wonder if candidates will be as numerous in Elkhart next summer as correspondents are now. Perhaps that has something to do with Silabuster failing to second Browne's nominations. Ah, of course we don't know anything about it. Ha! Ha! looks somewhat suspicious.

Vinton was well represented at the Adrian ball on Christmas eve. Among the number we noticed the following: Mell Fisher and Josie Stewart; Rob. Crawford and Nell Fisher; Sam Todd and Jane Clark; Tommie Crawford and Min Forbes; M. S. Connell, of Adrian, and Laura Fisher; Willie Crawford and Bessie Nave; Bob Black and Laura Clark. They desire through the columns of your paper to return their sincere thanks to Messrs. Connell and Watts for favors conferred during the eve.

Miss Nell Fisher and Sennie Henderson spent two weeks in Baldwin City and Lawrence, Kansas not long since. The girls say they had oh! an immense time. We are daily expecting a raid from the Kansas boys.

Miss Lanning, of LaCygne, Kansas, is teaching the school at No. 2. Her teachings so far is a success, and is giving universal satisfaction. She also has made many warm friends outside the school circle.

Mr. Frank Henderson, of Illinois, is spending the winter with his cousins, Messrs. John and E. Henderson.

Miss May Crawford was visiting at Fair View Farm last Saturday and Sunday.

We think that a certain young lady of this vicinity was terribly disappointed owing to her not being at home when one of Summit's favorite bachelors called.

Social given at the residence of Mr. M. S. Frazee, on Wednesday eve, (23) was well attended by the elite of the neighborhood. The hours were whiled away by games, music and euchre. They left when the wee sma' hours reminded them that the hour for departure had come. They one and all heartily thanked Mr. and Mrs. Frazee for the entertainment and wishing them many happy returns, bid them good night.

Messrs. D. D. Lock and Willie Holland, two of Louisburg, Kansas, most handsome and genial gentlemen, have been visiting their friends in this vicinity for several days. They were, as every one is, well pleased with Bates.

Miss Mattie Stewart, of Mornin Fork, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Renie Lewis.

Christmas Tree and festival, at the Liberty church on Xmas eve, was well attended and proved a success in every respect. The tree was loaded with beautiful as well as use-

ful presents, and most every one was remembered.

Mr. W. E. Fussell, of LaCygne, Kansas, spent the latter part of Xmas week at Dana, with his many friends. There seems to be considerable attractions in this part of the county.

Miss Elva Green, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Frazee, for the past three months, left for Kansas City on Thursday previous to Xmas, where she will remain during holidays and then return to her home in Greenville, Ill. Miss Elva made many warm friends during her stay here, and they sincerely regret her departure.

Social given at the residence of Mr. S. Graham on New Years eve in honor of Charley and Sadie Graham and Miss Abbie Harrison, previous to their return to the Electric City. There was quite a large crowd present and the hours were whiled away pleasantly with music, games, gay voices and joyous laughter could be heard from every part of the Graham mansion.

Mr. Henry Hughes and Miss Mattie Garrison (both of this place) were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at LaCygne, Kansas, on Thursday, Dec. 31, 1885. The groom is a young man of high moral standing and has many friends here. The bride is one of most intelligent handsome and amiable young ladies in this vicinity and universal favorite with all. May their bark gently glide down the stream of time and find a safe anchorage on the golden shore.

A social given at the residence of Mr. Theo. Green, New Years night. We cannot give the particulars as we were not present, but Mr. and Mrs. Green are known as prince and princess of host and hostess so we can say with the assurance of its being true that it was a pleasant affair.

Mr. Lee Stewart has his house finished and will soon go to house keeping. Lee has built a nice cottage. He and wife have a host of friends here who welcome them.

Literaries have taken the place of the base ball craze and—oh well, yes—we think them an improvement. The Forbes school house has a good society well organized and doing good work. The one at No. 2 known as the Willow Branch Literary, is doing its very best, but the most of them are new hands, but they think there is room at the top. EX CONFED.

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Cleveland Jan. 3. Early in October the ninth annual congress of the Liberal League of America was held in this city. One of the advertised attractions was a lecture by Col. R. G. Ingersoll. The Colonel came on the last day of the congress and delivered his discourse to a large audience. A short time since the organ of the local league charged that Col. Ingersoll had not dealt fairly with the league. It declared that it was well understood before he came here that the proceeds of his lecture should be turned into the treasury of the National League, and it was only on those conditions that he was engaged to come. It charged further that after the lecture Col. Ingersoll's agent took charge of the receipts, paying to the Cleveland League only enough to pay the expenses of the congress in excess of \$240 raised by the Cleveland league. The remainder amounting to \$580, was handed over to the Colonel, and not turned into the treasury of the National League according to agreement. These charges were commented upon by free-thinkers and at to-day's meeting of the Cleveland League a spirited discussion ensued. At the close of the meeting resolutions were unanimously adopted demanding of the Secretary of the American Secular Union, the new name of the league, an itemized statement of the expenditures and receipts of the recent congress and also of what become of the profits, if any.

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